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PANAMA FOR IAGS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: US/ECUADOREAN MAPPING, CHARTING & GEODESY AGREEMENT

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1. COMMENTS IN REF A ABOUT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CURRENT IAGS DRAFT AGREEMENT AND PREVIOUS TEXTS ACCURATELY REFLECT A PROBLEM WE WRESTLED WITH IN ASKING FOR RECONFIRMATION OF SIGNING AUTHORITY.

2. CHANGES SUGGESTED IN REF A ARE ESSENTIALLY OF TWO TYPES. THE FIRST ARE MINOR POINTS WHICH WE BELIEVE WE CAN SELL TO THE GOE WITHOUT MUCH ADO. WE WILL SEEK FOREIGN OFFICE AGREEMENT TO CHANGE B(DELETING "INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED"; C (DELETE "PLANS"); G (REPLACING "SUCH" WITH "SUFFICIENT"; AND J ("US AGENCIES MUST PAY THESE COMPENSATIONS DIRECTLY").

3. THE SECOND TYPE, HOWEVER, IS FUNDAMENTAL (ALTHOUGH NOT NECESSARILY SUBSTANTIVE). IN ESSENCE, REF A ACCURATELY NOTES THAT A NUMBER OF REFERENCES TO "MUTUAL AGREEMENT" CONCERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE IAGS HAVE BEEN CHANGED

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TO REFERENCES TO "ECUADOREAN NEEDS AND INTERESTS."

4. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND AFTER THOROUGHLY CONSIDERING THE ALTERNATIVES AMONG OURSELVES, WE CONCLUDED THAT NO USEFUL PURITFN WOULD BEDERVED BY INSISTING ON THE "MUTUALLY AGREED" FORMULA. IT IS, REGRETTABLY OR OTHERWISE, THEIR COUNTRY, AND THDB HAVE -- UNDER EITHER WORDING -- A VETO OVER WHAT WILL BE ALLOWED THE IAGS MISSION. THE IAGS MISSION NOW GETS JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING IT WANTS. IT HAS RUN INTO NO IRRESOLVABLE DISLUTES OVER WHAT ACTIVITIES IT WILL BE ALLOWED TO CONDUCT, AND CERTAINLY NONE THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN AFFECTED IN ANY WAY BY WORDING IN AN AGREEMENT WHICH SAID ITS ACTIVITIES WOULD BE "AS MUTUALLY AGREED." RATHER THAN DISTURB THE ATMOSPHERE OVER ESSENTIALLY MEANINGLESS WORDING, WE BELIEVE IT IS BETTER TO PRESERVE THE FAVORABLE ATMOSPHERE AND SIMPLY GET AN AGREEMENT THAT WON'T AROUSE ECUADOREAN SUSPICIONS.

5. EMBASSY AND IAGS MISSION THEREFORE REQUEST RECONSIDERATION OF INSTRUCTION IN REF A AND PERMISSION TO GO AHEAD WITH THE LANGUAGE IN QUITO'S 7800 WE BELIEVE THIS IS THE BEST WAY TO PRESERVE THE EXISTING GOOD RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE IAGS MISSION AND THE INSTITUTO GEOGRAFICO MILITAR THAT CURRENTLY ALLOWS US A GREAT DEAL OF LATITUDE AND FLEXIBILITY IN FULFILLING OUR OWN NEEDS; IT WILL GIVE US, RELATIVELY RAPIDLY (WE HOPE) A COVERING AGREEMENT FOR A PROJECT WHICH HAS BEEN IN OPERATION SINCE 1946 WITHOUT A GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT; AND WILL AROUSE FEW IF ANY CONCERNS IN THE CURRENT ATMOSPHERE OF POLITICAL UNCERTAINTY. WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS NECESSARY TO WRESTLE WITH THE GOE OVER THE CONUULTATIVE ASPECTS OF THE AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO MEET OUR OBJECTIVES, WHICH ARE FULL AND UNHINDERED ACCESS TO TOPOGRAPHIC INFORMATION AND MAPS.

6. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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